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SUBJECT: FIRST UNCTAD PREPARATORY CONFERENCE ON COTTON,
JUNE 20-24

1. EMBASSY OFFICERS DISCUSSED SUBJECT MATTER ON JUNE 3
WITH HUGO DIAZ THOME, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF INTERNATIONAL
ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN FONSEC. HE SAID THAT MEXICAN DELE-
GATION WILL BE HEADED BY HERIBERTO RAMOS, DIRECTOR GENERAL
FOR COTTON IN THE DEPT OF AGRICULTURE. DIAZ INDICATED
THAT WHILE RAMOS IS A GOOD TECHNICIAN, HE IS NOT
PARTICULARLY EXPERIENCED IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE POLICY
MATTERS.

2. DIAZ FAVORS AN AGREEMENT MODELED AFTER COFFEE AGREE-
MENT WITH MAXIMUM AND MINIMUM PRICE TRIGGER POINTS
SUPPORTED BY PRODUCTION CONTROLS AND BUFFER STOCKS. HE
INDICATED THAT THE PRICE RANGE SHOULD BE FAIRLY NARROW,
BUT THAT THE EXACT POINTS SHOULD BE STUDIED BY A TECHNICAL
COMMITTEE, PERHAPS IN ICAC, WHICH WOULD MAKE SPECIFIC
RECOMMENDATIONS. DIAZ ALSO MENTIONED THE IDEA OF ESTAB-
LISHING A PRODUCTION FUND WHICH WOULD ASSIST POORER
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COUNTRIES IN BOOSTING PRODUCTION WHEN PRICE GOES ABOVE
A CERTAIN POINT, AND CONVERSELY SAME FUND MIGHT BE USED
FOR CROP DIVERSIFICATION WHEN PRICES ARE LOW. HE ALSO
FEELS THERE SHOULD BE SOME EFFORT TO CONTROL INPUT COSTS
-- FERTILIZER, PESTICIDES, ETC.

3. DIAZ AGREES THAT ICAC IS A USEFUL ORGANIZATION BUT

THAT IT WOULD HAVE TO BE MODIFIED OR PERHAPS ABSORBED IN
CASE OF NEW AGREEMENT. HE SAID THAT IF WASHINGTON
LOCATION PROVES UNSATISFACTORY FOR SEAT OF ANY NEW
AGREEMENT MEXICO CITY MIGHT BE DESIRABLE COMPROMISE.
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